

**Burrillville**

**Recreation Commission**

**RE: Minutes, August 14, 2007**

**Present: Cheri Hall, Director Al Low**

**Kurt Schatz, Chair Juliette Lopez-Recinos**

**Al Gerew, Vice Chair**

**Susan Sgambato (Alternate Member)**

**Alice Lavigne, Secretary**

**Michael Karmozyn-Town Council Liaison**

**Absent: L. Kevin McDonald**

**Excused: Dave Marcotte**

**Guests: -----**

**Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chair, at the Spring Lake Beach Facility, 50 Old Hillside Drive, Glendale, RI 02826.**

**Kurt Schatz and Al Low welcomed Susan Sgambato to the Recreation Commission since they were not in attendance at the last Recreation Commission meeting.**

**Minutes of July 9, 2007 Regular Meeting were accepted. Motion to**

**accept made by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by Al Low.**

**Al Gerew made corrections on page 2 in the first paragraph under Good & Welfare to add the word “Alternate” after the word “new”. On page 4 in the first paragraph under Spring Lake Beach, Al Gerew recommended to change “non-smoking patrons” to “smoking patrons”. Also, on page 4, Al Gerew suggested dividing the 1st sentence of paragraph 2 to make 2 sentences versus 1 run-on sentence.**

**Motion to accept July 9, 2007 minutes with corrections made by Al Low. Seconded by JulietteLopez-Recinos. Motion passed 5-0.**

### **Correspondence:**

**The Director distributed to the commission a copy of the response letter received from Kevin Fox, President, Burrillville Youth Basketball Association. Kevin Fox did not answer the questions originally asked in the letter from the commission, but instead stated other concerns including the claim of non-receipt of the survey questionnaire. Consequently, the Director recommended a copy of the questionnaire be resent with another request of the required information.**

**In the original letter the issue that a committee should be formed versus one person receiving the funding was addressed. This issue was not addressed in Kevin Fox’s response. The problem of usage of**

**gym time by the Burrillville Youth Basketball Association was also discussed by the commission. An invitation to have a joint September meeting with Kevin Fox was suggested.**

**Due to the Director being at conference on the next scheduled Recreation Commission meeting date of September 10, 2007, the date was changed to September 17, 2007. Kevin Fox, President, Burrillville Youth Basketball Association will be invited to the September 17, 2007 for a joint meeting. The Director will comprise a draft letter to Kevin Fox and share it with Kurt Schatz for his review.**

**The Director reported a letter received from the Town Clerk at the request of Stephen Rawson to meet on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. for a joint workshop regarding the Open Space Bond Referendum.**

#### **Good & Welfare:**

**The Director reported on the bee problem at Spring Lake Beach Facility.**

**The profit from the Duck Race was \$1,217 for both the Burrillville Parks & Recreation Department and the Burrillville Lions Club. 104 of the Duck Race tickets were sold by Recreation Commission member Alice Lavigne. Duck Race pictures that were in the Valley Breeze were shared with the commission.**

## **Old Business:**

### **Sub-committee report**

**The Director sent the additional requested information to the Ordinance Subcommittee. A joint meeting of the Ordinance Subcommittee and the Recreation Commission may be scheduled in the near future.**

### **Spring Lake Beach**

**The Director distributed the July financial report for the Spring Lake Beach Facility. The profits are lower than July 2006 due to a lack of a heat wave this year. The problem with the bees at the beach has also kept some patrons away.**

**The first live removal of geese from the Spring Lake Beach Facility by the U.S. Department of Agriculture took place a couple of weeks ago. Six geese were captured to date. A \$2,500 one year contract was signed to allow for removal of any nests and up to 40 geese. A letter of thanks from the Spring Lake Beach neighbors was received regarding the attempt to address the geese problem. Al Low reported the Johnston Memorial Park utilizes a dog to address the geese problem.**

## **Bicentennial DVD**

**The Director reported the Bicentennial DVD will be shown at next weeks Council Meeting. Fifty copies will be made for anyone to purchase.**

## **Conservation Commission**

**Reported on above under “Correspondence”.**

## **Volleyball & One-on-One Camps**

**The Volleyball & One-on One Camps were cancelled due to lack of participation.**

## **Smoking Area**

**The commission made a recommendation for a designated smoking area beyond the overlook deck near the rock.**

**Alice Lavigne reported that the gazebo is being vandalized with the wooden slats being broken by skateboarders.**

**Motion to table any additional business to September meeting by Al Gerew. Seconded by Al Low. Motion passed 5-0.**

**New Business:**

**None**

**Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Al Gerew. Seconded by Al Low.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. Motion Passed 5-0.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, September 17, 2007, 6:30 p.m., Burrillville  
Parks and Recreation Offices, 92**

**North Main Street, Pascoag, RI 02859**

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